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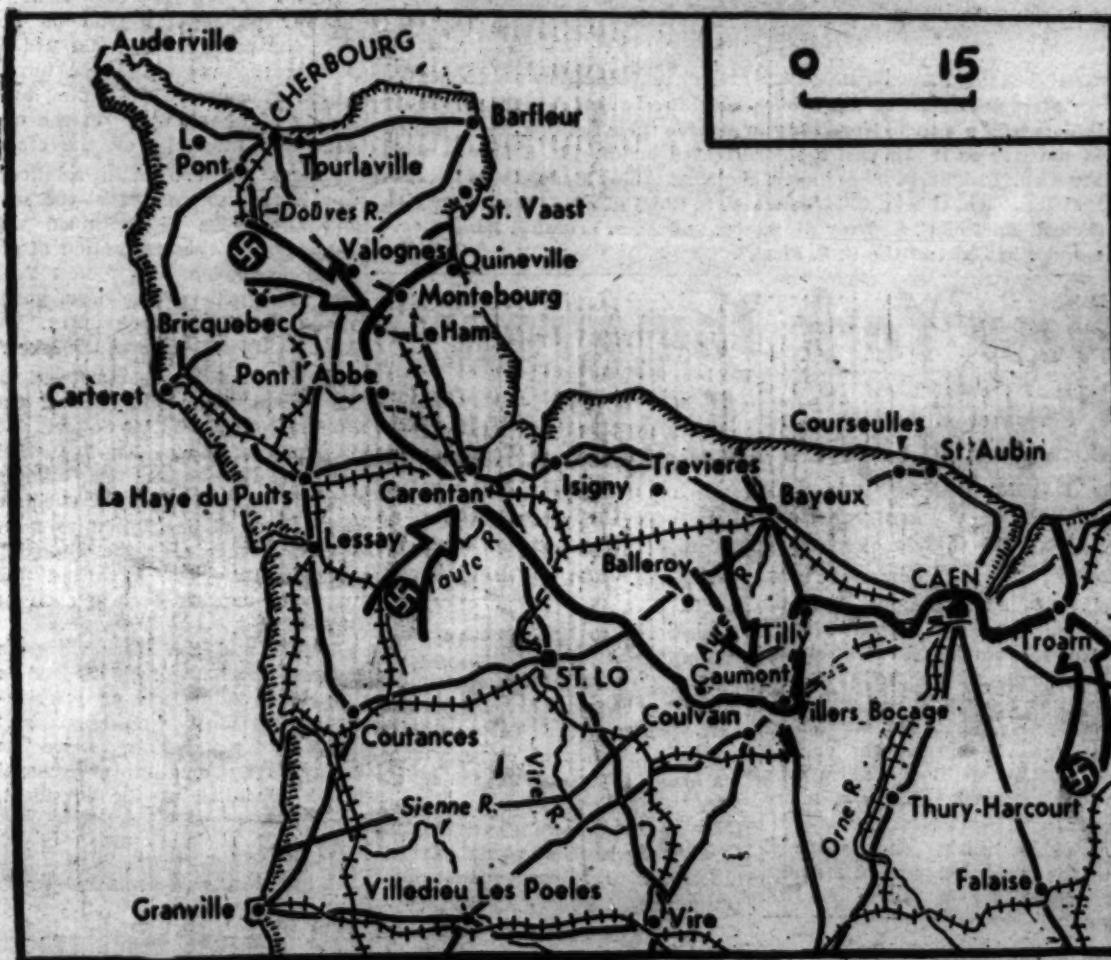
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ALLIES PUSH AHEAD; TANK BATTLES RAGE

One Spearhead 26 Miles Inland



Allies Gain in Tank Battles: Despite newly launched Nazi armored counterattacks, Allied forces plunged through the center of German resistance and captured the towns of Caumont (see arrow above) and Bocage. At Carentan (shown by swastika arrow on map) the Allies were getting a firm grip at the base of the Cherbourg peninsula.

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SUPREME ALLIED HEADQUARTERS, London, Thursday, June 15 (UP).—The Germans now hold both Montebourg and Troarn, on opposite flanks of the Normandy beachhead, it was announced today. The Allies hold ground on both sides of Montebourg and have made a slight advance in the Troarn area in heavy fighting. Very heavy fighting is in progress in the Caumont-Tilly sector south of Bayeux.

ALLIED SUPREME HEADQUARTERS, London, June 14 (UP).—Field Marshal Erwin Rommel started five major counterattacks against the French beachhead today, touching off swaying battles on the flanks but failing to stem a powerful Allied column which plunged through the center and captured the towns of Caumont and Villers-Bocage.

Reconnaissance vanguards of the latter column were reported probing enemy positions 29 miles inside France and within seven miles of the important road center of Vire.

Montebourg, 14 miles below Cherbourg, was lost by the American Fourth Division and on the opposite flank fighting surged in and out of British-defended Troarn, but the Americans once more seized a firm grip on Carentan at the base of the Cherbourg Peninsula.

NAZI TANKS ATTACK

Rommel was using four tank divisions, including the newly-arrived Second SS Panzers and a keyed-up Hitler Youth Division, in the eastern sector alone in an effort to relieve the German position around Caen which was growing hourly more precarious under ripping Allied blows from three sides of the city.

Three of the big counterattacks came in the Caen area, one in the Montebourg sector and the fifth near Carentan while the Germans made a lighter jab at the Allied spearhead east of Villers Bocage where fighting was underway for a point dubbed "Birdcage Ridge" by British Tommies.

To meet them, the Allied Command threw in the full weight of Allied air power including a record 1,500 U. S. heavy bombers in attacks on battle positions, communications and airfields, and long-range supporting broadsides from the British battleships Nelson and Ramillies.

United Press front correspondent Richard D. McMillan said that Allied naval shells were landing accurately on enemy positions in the Villers Bocage area nearly 20 miles inland.

McMillan reported that an Allied column backed by hundreds of tanks and big American self-propelled guns of a new type had slipped through a soft spot in the center of the line and hooked east, threatening to undermine the entire Caen position.

ALLIES TAKE CAUMONT

Caumont, 13 miles south of Bayeux, and Villers Bocage, six miles to the east and 14 miles southwest of Caen, fell after short but sanguinary battles and Allied troops rolled in to the accompaniment of exploding time-bombs and the crackle of fires. When they have time, the Germans are destroying everything in the wake of their retreat, McMillan reported.

At Villers Bocage, German rear guards had remained

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Bankhead Clause Beaten; OPA Bill Goes to Conference

By ADAM LAPIN

WASHINGTON, June 14.—With defeat by the House today of the Bankhead amendment to boost textile prices and of the Disney amendment to increase the price of oil, administration leaders recovered the hope that Congress may still pass a reasonably workable price control bill. The House bill, passed by a voice vote late this afternoon, still contains the Dirksen amendment, subjecting OPA regulations to endless judicial review, which is considered sufficient to break down price control completely.

And the senate bill includes the Bankhead amendment which is expected to raise clothing prices by more than 10 percent and skyrocket textile profits to 19 times pre-war levels.

FIN HOPE IN CONFERENCE

But the goal of administration strategists is to force elimination of both these amendments in conference between the house and senate and to win approval for this action in final votes in both chambers.

Incorporated in both house and senate versions of the bill is the amendment sponsored by Sen. "Happy" Chandler of Kentucky and Rep. Padjo Cravens of Arkansas to require proof of wilful violation of OPA regulations and permitting violators to plead ignorance.

While this amendment is disruptive of price control enforcement, OPA officials do not believe its effort will be quite as disruptive as the Bankhead and Dirksen amendments.

With the drive to scuttle these two amendments, the price control battle now enters the crucial stage. It is generally agreed that if they are adopted the President will be forced to veto the bill renewing price control.

The Dirksen amendment would throw OPA regulations wide open for review by 318 judges in federal district courts and U. S. Circuit Courts of Appeals. This means that a judge in Milwaukee may invalidate price control regulations while one in Chicago would uphold them. The result would be complete chaos during the prolonged period.

VOTE IS 206 TO 181

A coalition between most House Republicans and a substantial group of reactionary Democrats gave the Dirksen amendment a 206 to 181 margin on a roll call vote. Only a handful of Republicans broke party discipline to oppose the amendment. The Bankhead amendment, sponsored in the House by Rep. Paul Brown of Georgia, was licked by a decisive 191 to 87 teller vote.

Save OPA

The time to act is now if the latest and most difficult battle for price control is to be won.

Congress should be deluged with wires, letters and delegations from every state demanding that all amendments to OPA be eliminated and the act to extend it be passed without changes.

The Republican leaders of the House and Senate, Rep. Joseph W. Martin and Sen. Wallace White, should be told by every organization and individual that the people will hold the GOP responsible for crippling price control. And every congressman should hear from the people of his state.

Congressmen from cotton states backing the amendment were deserted by a large number of Republicans and by their Democratic colleagues from oil and tobacco areas.

In retaliation, congressmen from cotton states walked out on the Disney amendment to boost oil prices 35 cents a barrel and contributed to defeat of the amendment by a 204 to 178 vote.

While eastern Republicans largely opposed the Disney amendment, a substantial majority of Republicans stuck by it to the end.

Amendments in the House bill which administration leaders still hope to kill in conference also include the Izac amendment to boost rents and the Hartley amendment to permit retail stores to add "higher price lines."

Expressing the alarm of labor at the proposals to wreck price control, AFL President William Green said these amendments are "more disruptive to war production, morale and productive capacity than any other event on the home front since the outbreak of the war."



Stars descended on the French beachhead when American military leaders paid a visit to Normandy to observe their fighting men. Seated in the jeep as it ran past a shell-wrecked building in a French town are Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower, Supreme Allied Commander for the invasion; Gen. George C. Marshall, U. S. Chief of Staff; Gen. Henry H. Arnold, chief of U. S. Army Air Forces and Adm. Ernest J. King, Commander in Chief of the U. S. Fleet.

New York Tomorrow-- Skyscraper Era Over?

By HARRY RAYMOND

The City Planning Commission yesterday presented as part of the city's postwar plan a proposal, considered by some New Yorkers as revolutionary, to limit the height and bulk of all buildings hereafter erected.

This proposal, set forth in an amendment to the zoning resolution, has the purpose of increasing "open space, light and air" around buildings and barring the development of islands of unhealthy population density in the city of tomorrow.

A public hearing on the amendment is scheduled to be held at City Hall June 28.

According to unanimous opinion of the Planning Commission, present regulations permit erection of buildings of such excessive height and bulk that they are "detrimental to the best interests of property owners and the general welfare of the city." The commission pointed out that existing zoning regulations "bear little relation to actual conditions or to future requirements" and added:

"Under existing zoning residential buildings could legally be constructed to accommodate more than ten times the present population and considerably more than ten times as much business and industrial activity."

"Studies by the commission indicate that about a third of the city's total land area remains undeveloped. The average population density is 40 persons per gross acre, and 190 persons per net acre of residential property. In parts of Manhattan there are densities as high as 735 persons per net residential acre, and present residential zoning would permit an average of about 1,900 persons per net acre."

The commission report states there is enough land in the city—even in Manhattan—to enable all building to have adequate light and air.

"Nor has it been demonstrated," the report contends, "that non-residential buildings of great height and bulk are more profitable than those which have sufficient space around them. Much of the overcrowding of land in New York took place following the last World War and helped to accelerate blight in many sections."

This, the commission declared, caused great shifts of population and business with corresponding losses in realty values.

LaGuardia Testifies on Cutbacks

Daily Worker Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON, June 14.—Led by Mayor LaGuardia, a New York delegation including representatives of industry and labor pleaded today for an immediate solution of the reconversion problem that all agreed was particularly serious in the nation's largest city. They appeared before the Senate Military Affairs Committee, with Sen. Robert R. Reynolds (D-NC) presiding.

After LaGuardia outlined the general situation facing New York as a community without a manpower shortage, Henry M. Rosenberg of the Electronics Corp. of America spoke for industry. Rosenberg called for quick action on a bill to create a centralized agency to handle reconversion, cutbacks and retraining.

Harold Simon, president of Local 1227, United Electrical, Radio and Machine Workers, CIO, spoke for 90,000 UE workers in Greater New York, saying the city is "most hard hit by reconversions because the bulk of our plants are small manufacturers—subcontractors making parts, fittings and sub-assemblies for larger plants."

Simon insisted that this "is not a postwar problem. If you do not solve the problem now, you will be hurting the war effort, the termination of contracts is leading to a feeling of complacency on the one hand and insecurity on the other."

"There are two main solutions. One is further war work—the second alternative to continued war production is the resumption of civilian production. We in New York are the greatest consumer goods producing area in the country. We have facilities. We have the labor."

Ernest J. Rudloff, chairman of the organization committee of the Greater New York CIO Council and president of Local 39, Industrial Union of Marine and Shipbuilding Workers urged the "immediate adoption of all legislation to meet the requirements of the changing situation. We cannot afford the luxury of another debacle such as Brewster."

Rudloff and the other witnesses endorsed the Kilgore bill S. 1893 as "providing a method of labor-industry-agriculture representation" necessary for a real and responsible program, by creating a national board appointed by the President.

Willkie Talks At Bond Rally

Boosting the Fifth War Loan Drive, Wendell L. Willkie addressed a large Wall Street outdoor rally from the sub-Treasury steps, Broad and Wall streets at noon yesterday.

Greeted with cheers and applause as he rose to speak, Willkie urged his audience to "buy a bond every time you wish you could give our boys a lift." Speaking of his reaction to seeing wounded American boys on the battlefields, Willkie said "I wish that I could have been there to give him that little extra help to make it possible not only for him to carry out his mission, but to help him survive."

R. H. Macy & Co. employees have already reached the half way mark of their quota of \$3,000,000. At a Madison Square Garden party Tuesday night 10,000 employees with friends and families celebrated their record as war bond salesmen.

Labor unions in New York have set a \$20,000,000 quota, nationally it's \$1,500,000,000. During the first official day of the drive, June 12, the War Finance Committee reports Series E Bonds sold to the tune of \$7,600,000, more than doubling sales on the first day of the previous drive. Total sales of E's since June 12 is \$30,200,000 or 8.2 per cent of the quota of \$367,000,000 for that type.

Demand Stay for Negro Boy Facing Execution Tomorrow

CHARLESTON, S. C., June 14.—Inside state chambers the whisper went round—ssh, George Stinney dies on Friday, ssh. The press, one ear cocked to the execution chamber, the other for public rumblings, went hush-hush on the case of the 14-year-old Negro boy from Alcolu, convicted of slaying a white girl.

Today, however, like a rolling tide, the wave of protests began to stream into Gov. Olin D. Johnson's office in Columbia. Labor, Negro and white ministerial unions, workers demanded clemency for Stinney. The CIO Tobacco Workers at a meeting passed a resolution to that effect. The National Maritime Union appealed. Petitions throughout the state insisted on a stay until a fair and complete investigation into the case had been established.

South Carolinians are concerned about young Stinney. They remember how a white boy, 16 years old, who had killed a girl, had been given a "break"—and they are de-

Wires Pour in to Gov. Johnson

We urge every progressive and liberal organization—and every person, individually, who believes in even-handed justice—to wire protests AT ONCE to Gov. Olin D. Johnson, Columbia, S. C., to stay the execution tomorrow of George Stinney, 14-year-old Negro boy convicted of killing a white girl.

The Negro Freedom Rally and Negro Labor Victory Committee, the National Negro Congress, the International Labor Defense and the Peoples Committee were among New York organizations which yesterday wired Gov. Johnson to grant a stay until a fair and thorough investigation could be made. The Governor was asked that the same consideration be shown this Negro boy as was shown a 16-year-old white boy convicted of a similar crime.

manding that a Negro boy, 14 years old, get the same "break."

There were some who said the Feltwell case was different. Ernest Feltwell, after all, was a white boy. There had been a big hub-hub about the Parris Island boy's rape killing of a "little girl. And the press hoped he'd be a good boy in jail and come out long before the end of his 20-year sentence.

As Frank Green of the CIO Tobacco Workers said:

"In the Feltwell case every precaution was taken. Three of the best attorneys were appointed to defend him, and no expense was spared for mental examinations. Months were spent in investigation, and the court exercised every means of protecting the boy. By contrast, the Stinney case was railroaded through a brief period with virtually nothing done to protect the defendant."

De Gaulle Returns to Native Land

LONDON, June 14 (UP).—Gen. Charles de Gaulle went back today to the France he left four years ago to carry the banner of his enslaved country.

A French spokesman announced, a few hours after Prime Minister Winston Churchill had revealed that the question of Allied relations with the French Committee of National Liberation was approaching a crisis, that de Gaulle had landed on the beaches of Normandy from which Allied troops were driving inland on their crusade of liberation.

It was believed that de Gaulle was accompanied by Gen. Pierre Koenig, chief of his military mission in London. De Gaulle's departure, in the French destroyer Com-battante accompanied by high French officers, was a surprise.

DE GAULLE RETURNS

Triumphant over the political considerations—dangerous, delicate and complicated—which had kept him chafing in London for eight days after the Allied invasion, de Gaulle went back to France in a French warship with the Tricolor of the Republic flying over it, and it was believed that he remained there.

Four days short of four years ago, on the morning of June 18, 1940, de Gaulle had looked back on fallen France from the deck of a British destroyer at Bordeaux.

On June 13, 1940, he had sat at the lower end of a long table in a dismal old Loire chateau and heard Gen. Maxim Weygand, the French Commander-in-Chief, say that there was nothing for France to do but give up. Churchill was there, and as the conferees, heads bowed, left the room, de Gaulle had gone up to him and asked for his backing in keeping the flag of France flying.

In the House of Commons this morning, unusually grave and reticent, Prime Minister Churchill had refused to permit a debate on Allied relations with de Gaulle, and specifically on whether de Gaulle would be permitted to go to Normandy.

Churchill warned the House "most seriously" that debate on the de Gaulle question would entail "very great dangers." He earnestly asked for the confidence of the House and a postponement of any discussion.

Seven members had plied Churchill with questions. To a member who asked assurance that de Gaulle would be permitted to go to France Churchill had said cautiously:

"That question is one which I hope may be found capable of solution."

Seattle Loggers Vow Lumber for Invasion

SEATTLE, June 14.—An uninterrupted supply of lumber to back the invasion was promised President Roosevelt by Karl Larsen, president, and Walter Belka, secretary, of the Northern Washington district council of the International Woodworkers of America.

Red Army Takes 7 Finn Strongholds

LONDON, June 13 (UP).—Soviet troops, backed by artillery firing wheel to wheel, pushed to within 37 miles southeast of the Finnish gateway city of Viborg today, while Soviet bombers were revealed to have hammered seven Nazi Central Front airdromes in a possible "softening up" preparation for a resumption of the drive against the Germans.

Gen. Leonid A. Govorov's Leningrad Army troops, fighting the Finns hand to hand across the wild Karelian Isthmus, captured seven heavily fortified towns as they pushed northward on the fifth day of their offensive toward Finland.

Backed by the guns of the naval fortress of Kronstadt, which were shelling the Finnish positions 12 miles across the Gulf of Finland, the Soviets pushed four miles up the Leningrad-Viborg-Helsinki railroad to win the town of Kuterselka, 37 miles southeast of Viborg. Other Red Army columns striking in the middle of the isthmus captured Ayarvi, 40 miles southeast of Viborg, and Korpikylä, 10 miles northeast of Kivennapa road junction.

25-MILE FRONT

The column which took Korpikylä was moving up toward Lake Ladoga and it gave the Soviets a 25-mile front extending in from the Gulf of Finland.

The Moscow war bulletin reported no changes on other sectors, but it announced that during the past two nights Soviet long-range bombers carried out "massed blows" on seven enemy airfields on the central front. They were: Orsha, Minsk and Bobruisk in White Russia and airfields around Bialystok, Baranowicz, Pinsk and Brest Litovsk.

Moscow said numerous fires were started among airplane stores and ammunition. A "large number" of planes were destroyed, Moscow reported. Eight Soviet bombers were lost.

Front reports said that the fighting in Finland was developing into some of the fiercest ever waged on the eastern front.

Kuomintang Leader Demands Democracy

Dr. Sun Fo, son of China's first president, Dr. Sun Yat-sen, and Chairman of the Legislative Yuan, is one of the few leading Kuomintang figures who dares to speak openly about the undemocratic practices which have brought China to the brink of civil war.

On June 2 the New York commercial paper, Shanghai Evening Post, reported a radio speech made by Dr. Sun in which he declared:

"If we want to mobilize the people, we must first give them political freedom; and it is only when our people are really enjoying full political freedom that Chinese sovereignty will be respected by the other nations."

The Communist newspaper Sin Hwa Jih Pao was the only journal in China to reprint this important speech.



Within the sound of Normandy gunfire, Pvt. F. V. Helmbold, left, of Baltimore, and Sgt. S. F. Cacciarelli of Chicago Heights, Ill., pay tribute to a fallen buddy. They place flowers on a comrade's grave in the war's first U. S. cemetery in France.

Allies Gain Despite Big Nazi Tank Attacks

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hidden in houses and, supported by two Mark VI "Tiger" tanks which came in by a side road, held off the Allies in a street battle until the time-bombs began detonating.

Beyond Villers Bocage, the bitterest tank fighting of the nine-day campaign was in progress for "Birdcage Ridge," McMillan said. The enemy was using latest model "panther" tanks, but his artillery was inferior and horse-drawn, due to the Germans' inability to bring in heavy weapons over their bombed-out rail system.

To the north, despite the intensity of the German counterblows "we still hold the initiative," a spokesman said, referring specifically to the area south of Bayeux where in using large numbers of tanks the enemy is "fighting the kind of battle we want them to fight."

Canadian troops in that sector have gained control of five miles of the Bayeux-Caen road and, pushing south, have captured three more villages, a correspondent said.

The Germans were reported using thousands of troops and ignoring heavy losses in an effort to recapture Troarn, six miles east of Caen, where the Allies stood closest to Paris—112 miles to the east.

British troops still held a salient southward between Troarn and Caen which, combined with our new elevated positions around Caumont, provided excellent artillery coverage of the Caen battle-ground.

Counter-attacking German tank forces broke ranks in the face of fierce American fire around Caren-

tan Tuesday after driving back into the city and the key communications center is now firmly in our hands, official reports said. The Germans were continuing their attacks, but from a line farther back, and were making little or no progress.

Under slashing attacks by Panzer Grenadiers, the Americans fell back a short distance from Montebourg, official reports said, but retained control of the roads leading northeast and southwest of the town, and cleared out further territory directly south of it.

Official headquarters emphasized that the present fighting was not decisive in the battle of France or even in the battle of the beach-head.

Fleet Rips Isles Close To Japan

PEARL HARBOR, June 14 (UP).

—A United States Pacific Fleet task force, steaming to within little more than 1,000 miles of Tokio, bombarded Matsuwa Island in the Kuriles on Monday and Tuesday and sent its carrier aircraft against airfields on other islands in the chain protecting the northern approaches to the Japanese mainland, it was revealed today.

It was the second attack by the fleet on the Kuriles and was announced by Adm. Chester W. Nimitz, who simultaneously disclosed that a second carrier task force Monday and Tuesday continued its attack on the Marianas, 1,500 miles south of Tokio, with a big gun bombardment of Tinian and Saipan Islands and further air attacks coordinated with the naval shelling.

Nimitz' communique gave few details of the attack on the Kuriles, which have been hit repeatedly by American planes based in the Aleutians. Matsuwa Island was the target of the fleet's guns, while airfields on Shumushu and Paramushiro Islands were poned by aircraft.

The attack on the Marianas began Saturday and included two devastating attacks on enemy convoys in surrounding waters. Monday and Tuesday, Nimitz reported, it was expanded to include Pagan Island in the northern end of the chain.

The powerful task force, battleships, cruisers and destroyers.

Link Pro-Nazi To Pearl Harbor

WASHINGTON, June 14 (UP).—

A congressional committee declared today that "mismanagement" by an Army colonel, and his collaboration with a German-born contractor had delayed completion of an aircraft warning system that would have detected the approach of Japanese planes in the Pearl Harbor attack.

In a lengthy report compiled after months of secret investigation, a House Military Affairs subcommittee said that the Japanese assault could have been robbed "of much of the element of surprise" had there been no "neglect and delay" in carrying out the contracts for the warning system.

The report criticized Col. Theodore Wyman Jr., district Army engineer at Honolulu from June, 1940, to March, 1942, for "discriminating" in favor of Hans Wilhelm Rohl, leading Hawaiian contractor, in the award of secret Army construction contracts.

HAD TIES TO NAZIS

The subcommittee said that Rohl, who became a naturalized American citizen four months before the Pearl Harbor disaster, had resided in the United States as an alien for 28 years and that during the period he associated with a man "now alleged to hold a high position in the Nazi regime."

Rohl, the report said, was described in sworn testimony to be "arrogant, boastful and aggressively pro-German" and proud of his close acquaintance with high Nazi personages.

The subcommittee said that as early 1935 Wyman had issued contracts to firms with which Rohl was associated and that immediately after his transfer to Hawaii, he "began planning to have contracts awarded to firms in which Rohl was the controlling factor."

While Wyman was singled out for "particular" blame, the report said, that other officers responsible for such defense projects, including Lt. Gen. Walter C. Short, the then commander of the Hawaiian Department, were also at fault.

No Seamen Lost in Shuttle to France

ALLIED SUPREME HEAD-QUARTERS, London, June 14 (UP).—The Merchant Marine Shuttle service has poured battle supplies into the Normandy beachhead for nine days without losing a single American seaman, and only a few merchant ships have been damaged or sunk; "far below what we expected or planned for," the War Shipping Board announced today.

Heroes of the Murmansk run and the North Atlantic who man the big cargo ships in the narrow channel waters have earned anew the respect of British and American soldiers alike by delivering the goods to the troops in an endless stream.

A large part of the first assault troops and equipment was delivered by the Merchant Marine, and now the chain schedule of landing replacements, reinforcements and supplies often keeps the crews on their feet for 72 hours at a stretch.

A War Shipping Administration official who has been in England since the darkest days of the war said that the record of cross-channel supply without losses is "absolutely amazing" compared with the days of the Murmansk run when his organization constantly handled hundreds of survivors from the Arctic.

The crews are under bombing and

shellfire attacks from German naval forces and sometimes they are forced to abandon a ship, but the official said that demands for replacement of lost clothing and other belongings are far below expectations before D-Day.

He praised the efficiency of the Naval escort and rescue services operated by the Coast Guard for their part in carrying out the tremendous operations without the known loss of a single seaman's life.

In many cases men begged their officers to let them remain in England so they wouldn't miss the second front. Although none has been reported killed in action, there are

three individuals who are missing from their ship. They disappeared on the French side of the Channel, but no one in authority feels very harsh toward them. "Guess they wanted to see what the war is like," is the official attitude.

This amazing record of safety also holds true in other European water and in the Atlantic, the official said, announcing that in May the Allies sank more tons of enemy shipping than they lost. The U-boat menace has been so completely whipped, he said, that the number of enemy submarines sunk in May exceeded the number of Allied ships lost to underwater attack.

City's Summer Playground Program Threatened by Ban on Dual Jobs

By LOLA PAINE

Thousands of children may be left on the streets and at least 900 desperately needed teachers may be forced into idleness unless the dual job ban now crippling the city's summer playground program is removed for the duration.

The city's 345 playgrounds need these teachers but under the pre-war Coudert-Goldberg law, no teacher can hold a double job except for one year. A part-time job counts for a year, after which dual jobs are banned. This means that tens of thousands of New York's teachers will not be permitted to spend the summer months by helping in the war effort.

"The law itself is not the bottleneck," Mrs. Rose Russell, legislative representative of the Teachers Union, said yesterday, "since exceptions can be made in a war emergency. The bottleneck can be removed by applying the law more flexibly, by waiving these provisions for the duration. The law itself provides flexibility," she said.

TEACHERS IN QUANDARY

Mrs. Russell pointed out that many teachers who plan to use their full year at a double job some time in the future are reluctant to forego their plans for a period of only two months in a playground.

"The two months should not invalidate the rights of teachers to make future plans," she said. "There is also an inadequate salary provision for these highly skilled jobs."

Meanwhile, Dr. Francis J. Brennan, assistant director of recreational and community activities in

the school system, put out an urgent call for 900 teachers to fill the 1,400 jobs needed to man the playgrounds. Speaking of the dual job ban, he said that about 400 regular teachers who would be glad to help out this summer are barred because they held an extra playground job in the past.

With school closing in a few weeks, the playground program, already late in being launched, is facing a further and serious delay. The playgrounds are scheduled to be open from July 5 until Aug. 31, from 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. daily.

YEAR-ROUND PROGRAM

Mrs. Russell stressed particularly that if the school recreational program were put on a year-round basis with a permanent staff, not only this problem but the general crisis of after-school care could be met.

"Dr. Brennan himself is in favor of this," she said, "and has indicated that this is the best way of handling both after-school and vacation care. Emergency action is needed. The Board of Education can help by waiving restrictions for this urgent situation."

Special appeals are being made for teachers, college students and graduates, as well as trained group workers skilled in athletics, arts and crafts, dramatics and swimming.

Election Scene

Willkie's Social Security Ideas Put GOP on Spot

by Max Gordon

Wendell Willkie's third newspaper article on what ought to go into the GOP platform is a masterly dissertation on social security. Willkie insists that protection against old age, illness and economic misfortune must be a right for everyone. He urges expansion of present social security laws on a uniform basis and a program of child care.

He agrees that the Wagner-Murray-Dingell bill now before Congress contains many of the essentials of a good program, but it doesn't go far enough to suit him.

In short, Willkie's platform is what labor and other progressives have been battling for during the past decade and more. Much of it has been achieved as a result of popular action and a responsive national Administration. Much of it remains to be accomplished.

All that has been won has been gotten with the willing cooperation of the present incumbent of the White House. And the fundamental principle involved—the responsibility of society to guarantee security and a decent standard of living for everyone—has not only been enunciated but fought for by the President. It was incorporated in the Second Bill of Rights proposed in his message to Congress in January.

GOP ATTITUDE

Conversely, the forces of resistance both to the principle and to the execution of the program, in the past and today, center in the leadership of the Republican Party. Can anyone seriously imagine the Hooverite GOP high command fighting for, or even supporting, a program of expanded, uniform social security, a public health plan or public housing?

Take the question of federalized unemployment insurance raised by Willkie. He argues convincingly that the current system of a different law for every state is inadequate, wasteful and time-consuming. The postwar reconversion strain will fall unevenly on the states and many

will be unable to meet it adequately. But at the recent Governors' Conference at Hershey, Pa., the main burden of the speeches of leading GOP governors was precisely the sinister plot of the federal government to take administration of social security away from the states and federalized it.

Or take Governor Thomas E. Dewey's record on social welfare measures. His message to the State Legislature this year emphasized that any public health program advanced would have to meet with the approval of the American Medical Association (AMA) before he would accept it, which means no decent public health program. His spokesmen on the floor of the Senate said flatly that the Governor opposed public housing in principle, except in extreme emergency. His legislative leaders killed all efforts to liberalize unemployment insurance.

As on all other issues, the test of a party's position toward social security is its performance, not its platform. The Wagner-Murray-Dingell bill, introduced by three Administration Democrats, is before Congress. Whatever its inadequacies its passage would be a great step forward. No matter what the GOP puts in its platform, its position will be judged by what it does about that bill and similar measures. If it should by some miracle adopt Willkie's program, the expression of that would be not its platform but its action on behalf of the Wagner-Murray-Dingell bill.

Willkie has performed a service to the nation by the presentation of his program as a campaign issue. It is obvious to everyone that realization of that program is possible only if the President is reelected.



Henry C. Alexander, vice-president of Russian War Relief, is showing Betty Hawley Donnelly, vice-president of the New York State Federation of Labor, and Louis Holland, president of the State CIO, the poster advertising "Order of the Day," the dramatic salute to the armies of liberation, which will be presented Thursday night, June 22, at Madison Square Garden.

R. J. Thomas to Address Garden June 22 Rally

R. J. Thomas, president of the CIO United Auto Workers, will be a speaker at the June 22 Madison Square Garden meeting marking three years of Russian resistance to the

Nazi invaders.

Hit Leaflets Vilifying FDR

CHICAGO, June 14.—Midwest Negroes are aroused by the scurrilous leaflets dropped by plane over Austin, Tex., vilifying President Roosevelt and Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt for their racial equality stand, William P. Harrison said here yesterday.

Harrison, who is chairman of the Illinois Midwest Negro People's Assembly for a Fourth Term for Roosevelt, said that Roosevelt deserves the support of every Negro because his opponents are "the most vicious elements of the population."

"They would use Mr. Roosevelt's proven policy of fair play and justice to all citizens, he said, 'to arouse race hatred and split Americans during these crucial days when unity is demanded as never before.'"

The Illinois Midwest Negro People's Assembly with headquarters at 4703 South Parkway, is holding a Fourth Term for Roosevelt conference Saturday and Sunday June 24 and 25, at the Parkway Ballroom, 45th and South Parkway. Delegate from union, church, business and fraternal groups are expected from all sections of the Midwest.

Mr. Harrison has received copies of the smear leaflet, which were showered on the Texas city on the eve of the recent state Democratic convention which sent unpledged delegates to the Democratic convention.

Childs President of Illinois-Indiana CPA

CHICAGO, June 14.—Unanimous endorsement of President Roosevelt for a fourth term and an appeal against partisan "thinking" highlighted the closing session of the first constitutional convention of the Illinois-Indiana district of the Communist Political Association, held at the Midland Hotel today.

Morris Childs was elected president of the newly formed Illinois-Indiana District of the CPA.

Alfred Wagenknecht and Raymond Hansbrough were elected vice-presidents, Phil Bart, secretary and Arthur C. Handle, treasurer.

Sponsored by Russian War Relief, the rally will be part of a nationwide observance dedicated to American-Soviet friendship. Specially featuring the New York meeting will be a pageant tracing historic events that have made Russia and the U. S. good neighbors for 168 years.

The Greater New York CIO Council has endorsed the anniversary meeting, and AFL President William Green, CIO President Philip Murray, James G. Patton, president of the National Farmers Union, and A. F. Whitney, president of the Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen, are among the sponsors.



R. J. Thomas

Parents Demand Anti-Semitic Teacher Ousted

The dismissal of Mrs. Gladys L. Laubenthal, anti-Semitic and anti-war teacher, was demanded by 100 parents and teachers of P.S. 25, Brooklyn, Tuesday night at a Parent-Teachers Association meeting held in the school.

Willingness on the part of school officials to transfer but not dismiss the teacher without "further corroboration" was roundly denounced after a report of Mrs. Laubenthal's class statements was made to the assembly. Parents were indignantly shaking their heads as they heard of the anti-unity lessons taught their children.

One parent said, "We cannot have a policeman in this teacher's class wherever she goes. We don't want her to teach the same things elsewhere. We want her dismissed." There was great applause.

A dramatic incident occurred when eight students rose, went to the front of the auditorium, faced their parents and teachers, and told of Mrs. Laubenthal's statements. Among the students was Seymour Applebaum, 14 year old student, whose class diary, confirmed by other pupils, formed the basis of the P.A. investigation.

Teachers as well as parents revealed their disgust at the goings-on in their school. One teacher said that he had been teaching democracy for 30 years and that "if we continue to have such teachers as this in our school system, these young children, when they grow up, may have to fight the war all over again." He too was applauded.

The resolution demanding Mrs. Laubenthal's dismissal was sent to Dr. John E. Wade, Superintendent of Schools, Mayor LaGuardia and Miss Mary Dillon, president of the Board of Education.

Run-Off Election For Typo Secretary

INDIANAPOLIS, June 14.—Final returns on the national referendum held by the International Typographical Union show 29,295 for return to the AFL as compared to 23,260 against.

The same election saw former secretary-treasurer Woodruff Randolph elected president by a vote of 27,723 to 17,449 over incumbent Claude M. Baker. A run-off election for the post of secretary-treasurer will be held June 28 between Jack Gill and William H. Harris. Gill, who ran on Randolph's ticket, polled 25,393 votes but failed to get a clear majority over his two opponents.

News Capsules

Beachhead Memos

The oddest casualty during the invasion of France was Pvt. Herbert Sather of Tacoma, Wash., a paratrooper. He landed successfully on the soil of Normandy, but was incapacitated when a cow fell on him in a foxhole.

A booklet distributed on the Normandy beachhead advises GI's how to conduct themselves in France and suggests they give the women a hand with the housework. "French women still talk about how your fathers did," the booklet states. If you want to keep out of trouble, here's some advice — don't wink at French girls and keep hands off.

Fifteen spectators, part of a huge crowd standing behind a roped off section during a demonstration at an air-raid precaution show at Elizabeth, N. J., Wednesday night were injured by flying bits of cobblestone. Detonating devices exploded by a chemical squad from Governor's Island sent bits of the cobblestone flying at great speed toward the spectators and some imbedded in the injured. All fifteen were given

anti-tetanus injection at Alexian Brothers Hospital.

Pending the trial of Joan Barry's paternity suit against Charlie Chaplin which has been postponed until Dec. 13, the famed comic has agreed to support her and Carol Ann, her daughter.

At Santa Ana, Cal., a ten-man court-martial found Capt. Morrison L. Wilkinson, Jr., guilty of four sex offenses, bigamy and theft and sentenced him to 30 years at hard labor. Judges also recommended he be dismissed from the service.

Yonkers cat population had a feast when a milk tank truck containing 11,000 quarts overturned in Manor House Sq.

With a crowd of some 100 persons gaping at him, Joseph Keller, merchant seaman stood poised on the roof of the five-story building at 139 W. 90 St. ready to jump. Before he made up his mind, however, he was stopped by two policemen and taken to Bellevue Hospital for observation.

Chicago AFL Hits Green OK to Day and Church

CHICAGO, June 14.—Back-door endorsements of lose-the-war Congressmen, made by AFL President William Green, called forth vigorous statements of protest in the Chicago Federation of Labor, second largest AFL city central labor body in the country.

Wayne County AFL Backs FDR

DETROIT, June 14.—Delegates of 200 locals to the Detroit and Wayne County Federation of Labor at their last meeting unanimously endorsed President Roosevelt for a fourth term.

Presenting the motion for endorsement, Frank X. Martel, the president of the Detroit Federation of Labor, said "there is no man in America who can substitute for our Commander-in-Chief."

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Delegates rebelled against an okay given Reps. Stephen A. Day, R., and Ralph E. Church, R.

Day is the Illinois congressman-at-large, whose book was published by Flanders Hall, Nazi-financed publishing house. Church has been consistent in opposition to Roosevelt administration policies.

Delegate Al Matha of Building Service Employees International Union, told the Federation he knew of no congressman with a worse record than Day. He included Sen. Gerald P. Nye (R-ND) in his criticism of AFL endorsements. Delegate Hartwig of the Metal Engravers Union said he had protested to Reuben Soderstrom of the Illinois State Federation of Labor against endorsements of Day and Church. He asserted that the Chicago Federation should make its own endorsements.

Protection Won by Union In Kearny Yard Cutbacks

By DOROTHY LOEB

KEARNY, N. J., June 14.—Seniority rights, full vacations and wage classifications will be kept intact for Federal Shipyard & Drydock Co. employees transferred from Port Newark to Kearny yards because of contract cutbacks, it was stated today by officials of the CIO Industrial Union of Marine and Shipbuilding Workers.

Some 1,500, of which 750 are women, are hit by layoffs due to cutbacks in destroyer escort orders, according to management.

Company plans would have offered all men affected transfers to Kearny yards, owned by the same company, where they would start as new employees, undergoing a 30-day trial period and losing seniority and vacations earned working at Port Newark. Women, under company plans, would be laid off, the management contending that there are no facilities at Kearny for their employment.

SOME ISSUES STILL OPEN

Union intervention with management and at the War Manpower Commission yesterday won agreement that seniority, vacations and pay classifications for men taking transfers remain unchanged, Local 16 spokesmen said.

Still being argued in conferences are the management's demand for the 30-day trial period and the arbitrary layoff of the women. Union spokesmen oppose the trial and demand a strict application of over-all seniority, giving women the right to transfer to Kearny, depending on their length of service.

Only a small percentage of those offered transfers are accepting them, it was learned. A majority are taking certificates of availability. An artificially created labor shortage may be the result, union officials say.

A company spokesman said the dismissals were in the hull department only. Port Newark employs over 13,000, Kearny 17,000.

GROPPERGRAMS



Not all Texas voters are cow-punchers, but they know the GOP-O'Daniel plot as a bum steer.

Pole Program Sunday

Supported by contributions from the International Workers Order, a radio program presenting the views of progressive Polish-American trade unionists will be inaugurated this Sunday 9-9:30 a. m. on station WBYN.

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Negroes Wire Barkley on FEPC

The Negro Freedom Rally Committee, sponsored by the Negro Labor Victory Committee and the Peoples Committee, yesterday wired Alben W. Barkley, senate majority leader, to "rally all the administration's democratic forces in the senate to prevent the threatened filibuster."

"Such a filibuster, in the midst of our invasion of Europe, would be a serious blow to the unity and productive program of our country," the wire said. "It would also weaken the moral authority and political effectiveness of our country throughout the world."

It was signed by Adam Clayton Powell, Jr., and Ferdinand Smith, co-chairman of the Negro Freedom Rally.

GARDEN RALLY JUNE 26

The Negro Freedom Rally, in its protest against the threatened senate filibuster, has the support of the 107 CIO and AFL unions comprising the Negro Labor Victory Committee and the 83 civic, religious and fraternal organizations which make up the Peoples Committee.

The Negro Freedom Rally, in its Madison Square Garden meeting on June 26, will have the backing, in addition to that of the Negro Labor Victory Committee and the Peoples Committee, also of the trade union movement of Greater New York and Westchester and the New York Board of Jewish Ministers.

Sues Price Gougers

The Tremont Consumers Council in cooperation with the New York City Department of Markets and Bronx office of the City Price administration has started suits against seven local retailers violating price ceilings.

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Browder's New Book

A GREAT book is called for by the present great war. It had to be an American book. It had to be such a book as comes once in a long while at a turning point in history, so successfully expressing the reality of its time that the printed word becomes an inseparable part of action. Such a book was Thomas Paine's Common Sense, and another was The Impending Crisis, written by the North Carolinian, Hinton Helper, in the 1850's, which helped to shape the course of the nation.

We believe such a book is the one given to the public today—Teheran, Our Path in War and Peace, by Earl Browder, president of the Communist Political Association.

A Book Written for Every American

This is not a book written for Communists or for any single category of people. It is for all people of all classes, ages and occupations—a streamlined sort of a book of short, simple sentences of everyday American English that compacts into few pages an amazingly complete statement of the hard common sense of this war.

The turning point is the Teheran Treaty.

The substance of the writing is the all-compelling historic necessity that brought the greatest capitalist states into alliance with the socialist state that looms above all of Europe and Asia.

Formalized thinking tends to a postwar perspective of social cataclysms, bloody civil wars within each country of Europe and America, and a still bloodier world conflict between the capitalist states and the socialist state.

From this book one learns what is emerging out of the smoke of war—that democracy is not a failure, that of all things of history democracy is the most truly vindicated in this war. But we learn also that the democracy that is vindicated is a democracy that is held in common by the advanced capitalist states and the socialist state.

The Change That Came With Teheran

Browder's previous book, Victory—and After, refused to concede to a demand that arose three years ago for blueprints—which was a demand for "escapist" literature, for escape from the problems of blood and sweat. But Browder's present book registers a change.

Teheran made the change.

The problem of the prime mover of present day history—the problem of "bringing great violence to bear against" Hitler's "attempt to violence as the supreme law of life"—was solved at Teheran. After Teheran, plans for the postwar world ceased to be "escapist literature" and became a necessity.

And so here you have the strong thinking of the foremost American Marxist on what is ahead of us after the war. Here you see the reasons why it has become possible for national unity to continue, and for the nation to refuse to sink into economic chaos and violent conflicts of class-against-class as our reward for having succeeded in saving our national life. Here you will see why the great 1944 election is part of the winning of the war.

This is a book of blazing, shoot-it-out democracy for all Americans. Communists will master it and make themselves thereby more powerful in the service of their country. By their initiative it will go to the ends of the earth and will fructify the war effort of the free peoples. But the non-Communists also, all American patriots whether Communists or not—every trade union officer, every worker and intellectual—and every employer—should read and understand a great book that will inevitably be a part of the life and action of this time.

Save FEPC

IF THE vital Fair Employment Practices Committee is to remain in existence after June 30 it will be only because the people come to its rescue.

The \$500,000 appropriation for its work next year, already approved by the House, is now before the Senate. Few senators outside of those from the polltax states would dare vote against it. So the polltaxers and some of their GOP pals are trying to kill it through trickery.

They have apparently dropped their first plan to filibuster the measure to death because any such action would hold up appropriations for many other war agencies and would rouse a terrific storm of public protest.

Their plan now seems to be to postpone action until the weekend when FEPC supporters will be absent.

This can, and must be, prevented by the people. Every senator should be reached at once and urged to be present during the debate and the vote on FEPC. Its defeat would be a dangerous blow to the war effort, to national unity and to American democracy.

'GREAT ALLIED TEAM'



NEWS ITEM: Gen. Eisenhower declares more and more blows will hit the Nazis from all sectors of the European Front.

— They're Saying in Washington —

Congress and Business

by Adam Lapin

WASHINGTON.
WHOM does congress represent in its assault on price control?

Obviously it doesn't speak for labor, which stands four-square behind the price control program.

It doesn't speak for the farmer. Of course, many farmers are confused and uninformed about OPA. But most of the crippling amendments to the price control act passed in the last few days can't conceivably help the farmers.

But doesn't the attack on OPA represent the business community? I don't think so, not as a general rule anyway. Businessmen have made unprecedented profits under price control. And while they have plenty of gripes against OPA, there is reason to believe that by and large businessmen are for price control.

Eric Johnston, president of the U.S. Chamber of Commerce, and A. L. M. Wiggins, president of the American Bankers Association, both testified in opposition to any amendments which would raise price levels, before the Senate Banking and Currency Committee.

And OPA Administrator Chester Bowles has told his friends of a number of instances where spokesmen for really big concerns came to him asking for price increases, but decided not to press the point when it was impressed on them that this would mean a general break in the inflation line. This wasn't altruism. The hard-headed businessmen were afraid of inflation.

Bowles himself is the head of a substantial advertising agency, and it is no secret that advertising men are sensitive to the interests of their clients. And yet Bowles has threatened to resign if the Bankhead amendment and similar profits-first proposals become law. It is likely that many businessmen from large corporations whom Bowles has brought into OPA would follow suit.

If there is no broad national group which is opposing OPA,

why has congress jeopardized the existence of price control?

There was reflected in the votes both in the house and senate a combination of Republican partisanship—and the old pork barrel approach. Congressmen try to get what they can for local business interests. And if a congressman wants an increase in watermelon prices, he is also likely to vote for one to boost the price of peaches. If he wants higher textile prices, he will also vote for higher oil prices.

Absent from the consideration of price control was a sense of national interest, an awareness of the war, consciousness of what a cumulation of special interest amendments would do on the part of a majority of congress. Most conspicuously absent was an attitude of responsibility.

I don't mean to suggest that there was no important business groups pressing for amendments to the price control bill. The capital was crowded with real estate and textile lobbyists, and probably with watermelon lobbyists who helped put across the Ridley amendment to bar a price ceiling on watermelons.

No Over-All Approach

My point is simply that the actions of congress are not in accord with the interests of business as a whole, which require as a matter of sound common sense

that price control be continued.

Congress is unusually responsive to business pressures, but it strikes me that it has been speaking mostly for those groups which have been clamoring for profits and special advantages and has ignored the over-all interest of business.

A somewhat oversimplified way of putting it is this: Men like Wendell Willkie and Walter Lippmann, whatever their limitations, do generally support the war effort. And there is no doubt that they reflect the views of substantial sections of Wall Street. But in congress these sections of big business have little representation. In congress the influence of the Pennsylvania Pews is more evident than that of the far more powerful House of Morgan.

There will no doubt be substantial groups in the business community which will come out against a fourth term for the President. But there will also probably be leading capitalists who covertly or publicly will support the President.

The stake of American capitalists in the elections is obvious. If they propose to do business in a relatively stable and predictable postwar world, it is to their interest to join with other groups in re-electing the President. It follows that American business has a stake in a more responsible congress which will not upset the economic apperart in response to sectional and special interests.

Worth Repeating

THE REV. DR. JOHN SUTHERLAND BONNELL, pastor of the Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church, New York, in sermon Sunday on Pope's negotiated peace address: . . . They (millions of Christians) will also regard with serious misgivings his opposition to total victory over the Nazi and Fascist aggressors. Catholics as well as Protestants will view it as unfortunate that at the most critical juncture of the war he should have spoken words that will hearten the Nazis and Fascists and will be used by them in their propaganda directed to the enslaved countries of Europe as well as their own people. . . . The only alternative to complete victory, which Pope Pius opposes, is a negotiated peace. This peace would be a betrayal of the thousands of American soldiers and sailors who have already laid down their lives in this struggle.

JOHANNES STEEL over Station WMCA Monday: Mr. Wallace made a tremendous impression in Russia and a great contribution to a better understanding between our two peoples. He has made some ten speeches, all in Russian, which indicated his familiarity with the agricultural, geological and industrial problems of Soviet Siberia, as well as a deep knowledge of Soviet achievement in the sciences and art and the great achievement in making habitable the territories of the Arctic.

Today's Guest Column

LOOK at the Union of South Africa and at our own southern states today and will see several pointed similarities which hold a very important lesson for all the millions who are concerned with the fulfillment of Teheran. That lesson has been taught and retaught many times during the war. Now when there is greater urgency than ever for unity on the United Nations' home fronts in support of the great Allied offensive in Europe, we cannot afford anything less than full and clear understanding of one fact, that racial discrimination in all its manifestations is a pro-fascist weapon endangering not simply the direct victims of discrimination but the whole cause of the United Nations.



by Max Yergan

THE administration of General Smuts, though it has many serious weaknesses, is analogous to that of President Roosevelt in that it is dedicated to full prosecution of the war and has to contend with the same kind of opposition within the government. As we approach the November elections we find opposition in this country resorting to the same vicious race-hate methods in their efforts to oust or compromise Roosevelt as the Malanites in South Africa use against Smuts. Quite typical of South African politics at its worst was the meeting last week in Shreveport, La., of lily-white Democratic leaders from six southern states who resolved to blackmail the Democratic national convention into adopting a white supremacy and states' rights platform and eliminating that champion of democracy, Henry Wallace, from the vice-presidency.

In this country the anti-administration press finds it convenient to slander Mrs. Roosevelt for her democratic "association with Negroes" and to condemn the FEPC for "coddling Negroes." Similarly in South Africa, the slightest efforts on the part of the government toward ameliorating the African's condition are seized upon by the opposition press as the basis for personal attacks against General Smuts.

The work of disruption by these enemies of democracy in both countries extends, of course, to the international scene. The anti-Soviet attacks of Martin Dies and his kind, and of the Hearst-McCormick-Patterson axis

South Africa Has Its Rankins and Bilbos

papers, parallel Dr. Malan's motion in the South African parliament just a few months ago declaring that "any war aim to destroy, mutilate or eliminate countries like Germany, Italy, the Baltic states or Finland, which formed a bulwark against the Communistic tidal wave, conflicts with the true interests of Europe and the western European Christian civilization." The Goebbels line, barefaced and plain.

I HAVE underscored, though not exaggerated, these parallel evils here and in South Africa in order to make clear what is at stake in the worldwide struggle against the fascist doctrine of a "superior race" and against the exploitations of this doctrine among Anglo-American peoples. The picture, however, is by no means all black.

In Johannesburg a few days ago 25,000 Africans and their white friends from the trade unions and liberal organizations paraded through the streets in protest against the pass laws. In the South the progressive currents among Negroes and whites are becoming stronger and more politically articulate, as evidenced by the popular victories in several key primary elections.

The all-out assault for complete victory by the United Nations has been launched. That victory must be safeguarded by making certain that no racial, religious or class discord prevents the home fronts from giving their maximum support to the men on the battle fronts. Accordingly, the central task is that of reelecting President Roosevelt to office and providing the fullest support for his domestic and foreign policies directed toward the fulfillment of Teheran.

Listen Here,



Mr. Editor

Wallace Pamphlet On China

New York City.
Editor, Daily Worker:
May I refer very briefly to a letter appearing in your issue of June 8 which asks: "Should we not applaud Vice-President Wallace on his trip to China?"

First of all I want most heartily to endorse this idea. Secondly, I should like to call your attention and that of the author of this query to a pamphlet by the Vice-President entitled "Our Job in the Pacific" which will be released to the public by the American Council, Institute of Pacific Relations, on June 15. In this excellent pamphlet Mr. Wallace, introducing the section on "China's Role in the Pacific" says: "A free, strong, prosperous and democratic China could serve as an immensely powerful stabilizing factor in the Pacific."

I hope that thousands of Americans will read this pamphlet.
FREDERICK V. FIELD.

Share-the-Health

Bronx, N. Y.
Editor, Daily Worker:
About a half year ago I wrote you a letter in which I told you what I thought was wrong with the old Worker. It's no more than just for me to add now that your new paper is a swell job.

Incidentally, on an entirely different subject, the name "Wagner-Murray-Dingell Bill," or Senate Bill No. whatever it is, is meaningless to the average person. Why not call it the Share-the-Health Bill?

J. MARTIN.

What Hearst Praises . . .

New York City.
Editor, Daily Worker:
Part of Eric Johnston's speech at Moscow is lauded to the skies by the Hearst sheet, the Daily Mirror (June 9). That's the part, of course, in which Johnston talked nonsense about Socialism as "dividing up" and about the American Communists. Anything that Hearst praises in the way the Mirror does the Johnston words has something wrong with it. Perhaps the "straight" from the shoulder" man will look over what he says to see where he put his foot in it.
DAN D.

Socialist Party Dishonesty

New York City.
Editor, Daily Worker:
Officials of a group known as the Socialist Party have come out with a new twist for their Peace-Now activities. By coining the suggestive of inevitability of danger phrase, Victory corrupts the victors, they are, no doubt, aiming at discrediting the honesty and integrity of the top leaders of the great fight against the fascist forces of evil.

The fathers of this country, headed by George Washington who fought for its independence, did not become corrupt because of the victory of their just cause. The men who lead the war for the preservation of the Union, from Abraham Lincoln down, instead of acquiring any degree of corruption when their moral and military victory was a fact of transcendental consequence for the advancement of political freedom here gave multiple demonstrations of generosity, tolerance and magnanimity. Grandiose examples these that victory is not inescapably corrupting!
A. G. DIAZ.

The opinions expressed in these letters are those of the readers and not necessarily of the paper. We welcome letters from our readers and their friends on subjects of current interest. To facilitate the printing of as many letters as possible, and to allow for the freest discussion, please limit letters to 300 words.

Views On Labor News

THE California CIO, now a mighty movement of 200,000 workers, recently observed the tenth anniversary of the great event from which it was born, the San Francisco general strike. Ironically, PM and kindred folk chose that moment to release the poison campaign against Harry Bridges, the man who led that historic struggle.

It's been often said that had it not been for the struggles that Bridges fought out and won in 1934 and later, we might have had an irresponsible leadership of the Harry Lundberg brand at the head of West Coast labor today.

At the time of the Frisco strike I edited the Western Worker, a Communist weekly. On the day the waterfront strike began, I appeared before the big rank and file strike committee of which Bridges was chairman, and offered our cooperation. They welcomed it and our little editorial staff was pretty busy giving it to them during the entire strike. In fact, we had our office smashed by fascist vigilantes for our interest in it.

My work gave me an opportunity to watch the rise of a rank and file longshoreman to the stature of a great leader. What greater test is there for a leader than the confidence of his members—a confidence that has been unshaken throughout the ten stormy years that reaction screamed for his blood.

When I occasionally run into Bridges these



by George Morris

days I find that essentially he is the same rank and file that I used to see early mornings on the Embarcadero dressed in blue denim pants with ball hook sticking out of his back pocket. "Australasian Harry," as he was commonly known, would always have a circle of men around watching him argue with one of the "phonies."

Bridges talked rank and file, a real union, emancipation from the "Blue Book" employer outfit, a hiring hall so men would not have to line up in thousands early in the morning, most of them not getting work. He was a natural to lead the great struggle.

During three months Bridges met every known strikebreaking maneuver, including the use of Joe Ryan, president (now king) of the International Longshoremen's Association whom the strikers drove out. In the end the longshoremen won a hiring hall, a wage raise and a union contract. The struggle he led was the most dramatic evidence the country has yet received that a new unionism, rank and file leadership and democracy, was breaking through the hard crust of AFL conservatism. It was a harbinger of the CIO and laid its west coast cornerstone.

Bridges has had many a strike on his hands. Few have his experience in strike strategy. But he isn't a professional strike leader. He is a labor leader and an anti-fascist of the first order. It is symbolic of labor's role in the present historic period that Harry Bridges, who was so widely known as

After 10 Years—Another Brand of Bridges-Baiters

a strike leader should be noted for his 100 percent observance of the no-strike pledge.

Bridges says this is a peoples war and he means it. Most of the gentlemen who yelp like poodles at his feet because he refused to call a Montgomery Ward sympathy strike, openly oppose the war. To be denounced by Trotskyists, Lewisites and Norman Thomas Socialists these days is a badge of honor. But look over some of the others who have taken to Bridges-baiting and you'll find that their professed support for the war is at least in doubt.

THESE people adopt no-strike pledges tongue in cheek. With the top leaders of the CIO on the one hand and their own members on the other, they have at least to give lip service to it and the war effort. But with the passion of men who feel imprisoned, they grab at any excuse at all through which to express their real views.

The chorus from them against Bridges' suggestion that labor should favor a postwar policy and contract terms under which strikes could be avoided (and that is all he did) is nothing but a flank attack against the CIO's no-strike pledge and national unity.

Bridges came through with glory after crossing swords with far stronger gladiators than the current variety. He will still be one of the most popular labor leaders, and the same longshoreman I used to see on the Frisco waterfront, long after Bridges-baiters are forgotten.

Growing Children

By JEAN WARREN

"Integrity," says Webster's dictionary, is the "wholeness, entireness, the unimpaired state of anything, particularly of the mind."

It is a quality we admire and follow, the mark of a great leader and a true friend. Integrity of mind and character is developed in childhood. Its most dangerous enemy is self-deception.

Why does a child take refuge in self-deception? There are many different reasons. One of the most fundamental is to avoid a sense of guilt. We know that children will lie to escape too severe punishment or scolding. They lie because they are afraid. They turn the lie inwards and lie to themselves when they fear self-punishment and censure. As the child matures, the outside voice



of authority and the rules and regulations of his life become part of his own mind. An inner voice develops. We used to call it "conscience." In psychoanalytical terms this inner voice, so important to society's well being, is named the "super-ego."

To escape the censure of the inner voice, when it is too severe and the feeling of guilt is too heavy, the child uses self-deception. He has to do a thorough job, too, or he will find himself out, and for that reason self-deception goes very deep.

CASE OF ROBERT, AGED 12

For example, twelve year old Robert was badly adjusted. When he was much younger he was taught that cowardice was unmanly and wrong. The family was very severe with his timidity and lack of self-confidence.

As he grew older he absorbed the family's attitude. At twelve he claimed he did not like other children, and believed it. He

sought refuge in books and solitary hobbies. Because he dared not admit his fear of the hard baseball or rough and tumble play, he lived and believed a whole net work of lies.

When we lie to ourselves about any deep emotion the illness spreads and soon we develop a whole pattern of falsehood.

Another of this split in the child's character, of lack of integrity, is bribery. Dependent children will sell themselves when their masters offer rewards for doing so. The child's primary need is love; on this he builds security and strength of character. When love is offered at the cost of integrity, the child has little choice.

A common example of this kind of self-deception is the hypocrisy demanded of the gifted child. Although other normal interests must be forfeited, this child is given so much praise and attention for his talent that he learns to pretend an absorbed interest

Self-Deception—A Refuge From Fear, a Curtain for Guilt

and false maturity. He longs for playtime, comic books and a bicycle, but hides these feelings from himself and thrills, instead, to adult Art and sophisticated music.

HOW ROBERT RECOVERED

Robert, who was doubly afraid, was helped to face his fears, received special training in sports, and overcame his difficulty. The gifted child, like any other, must be allowed his own rate of development, and receive love as a birthright. This example teaches us how important it is for us to accept the child as he really is and love him for himself. He cannot have "wholeness of mind" if we make the truth unbearable or reward hypocrisy.

We want to give the children independence of thought and action so that they will develop strength of character. To do so we must give them security, and set an example, ourselves, by willingness to accept the truth.

Batista Spikes Attack on Cuba Party

By ANIBAL ESCALANTE

HAVANA, June 14. — President Fulgencio Batista of Cuba, in a warm personal letter to Rep. Blas Roca, secretary of the Popular Socialist Party (formerly Revolutionary Communist Union), emphasized his "conviction as to the effective and loyal cooperation" the party has given his government. The letter, dated June 12,

was in answer to slanderous allegations made by a leader of the Autentico Party to the effect that the Popular Socialists were preparing a conspiracy against the Cuban government which will be headed next fall by Grau San Martin, successful Autentico presidential candidate.

It is important to note that not all members of the Autentico Party associate themselves with the factional section which sponsors anti-Communist attacks. Some members are progressive and deserve support. For instance, the Popular Socialist Party in Cienfuegos, a town of 40,000 in Santa Clara province, backed the victorious Autentico candidate for mayor, and received thanks from him.

Batista's letter, addressed to Rep. Blas Roca in the second person singular, a mark of close friendship, reads:

"Our mutual friend Dr. Carlos Rafael Rodriguez, Minister Without Portfolio, has just given me your letter. I am pleased to assure you of my conviction as to the effective and loyal cooperation the Popular Socialist Party, its leaders and members, have given and still give my government."

"I don't think it is necessary to tell you how much I appreciate and welcome this collaboration. But I am happy to say to you that the conduct of the party and its affiliates is above suspicion of any activities which disturb the government or conspire against it."

President Batista's prompt refutation of the unfounded charges against the Popular Socialist Party has been welcomed eagerly by the working people here.

Sobering Up Among Polish Emigres Evident

Further evidence of crisis in circles close to the Polish government-in-exile came yesterday when Dr. Stefan Litauer, recently ousted as head of the semi-official Polish Telegraphic Agency, urged that anti-Sovieters get out of the government lest they endanger Poland's future.

Litauer published his demand in the Yorkshire Post, influential British daily, owned incidentally by Foreign Secretary Eden's family.

His stand is symptomatic of a certain sobering-up among the London emigres, and a readiness of some circles to make a fight against Polish reaction.

"Poland's future is feasible only on the road of close friendship with Russia," said the former PTA director. "To choose any other road would mean to forfeit Poland's freedom."

Litauer declared that the March, 1921 treaty of Riga by which Poland gained her anti-Soviet eastern frontiers must be considered "obsolete." He admitted that the treaty had been imposed on the Soviet Union as a result of her post-revolution helplessness.

The predominant attitude of in-

Mikolajczyk Wasn't There—But Lange Was

Here's a hot story about last Thursday's March of Time radio program, which was scheduled to feature the Polish exile premier, Stanislaus Mikolajczyk, and the Polish Socialist, Dr. Oscar Lange. News that Mikolajczyk would speak on the radio got the entire Polish community to their listening sets, but when the premier learned that he would speak at the same microphone with Lange, Mikolajczyk refused. So Lange, who just returned from the Soviet Union, spoke by himself. Polish reactionary papers are fuming because everybody got a chance to hear Dr. Lange.

transience in London about this frontier, said Litauer is not only "unrealistic but simply does not make sense."

He comes out for a homogeneous Poland, based on five cities which he said are historically Polish. They are Poznan in the west, Cracow and Lvov in the south and east, Warsaw in the center and Vilno in the northeast, indicating that as long as these cities remain Polish it is "not material" how the frontiers are drawn.

"If some of the Polish leaders are not favorable to a change of heart toward Russia," Dr. Litauer added, "they should have sufficient heart to admit it and resign for the sake of Poland's future."

Foster to Talk at Ohio CPA Convention

CLEVELAND, June 14.—William Z. Foster will speak at the open session of the Ohio State Convention of the Communist Political Association Sunday afternoon, June 18, in the ballroom of the Public Auditorium.

Complete convention schedules: Action on the dissolution of the Ohio Communist Party and organization of the Communist Political Association, main report by Arnold Johnson, state secretary of the Ohio Party, and presentation of the resolution on invasion Saturday night June 17 from 7 to 10 p.m.

WHAT'S ON

RATES: What's On sections for the Daily and The Worker are 35c per line (5 words to 1 line—3 lines minimum). DEADLINE: Daily at 12 Noon. For Sunday, Wednesday at 4 P.M.

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PRES. FULGENCIO BATISTA

Repeats British Labor Unity Call

By Cable to Allied Labor News

LONDON, June 14.—Stressing the urgency of a united labor movement so that "the basis can be laid for the return of a labor and progressive government" immediately after the war, Jack Tanner, president of the 900,000-strong Amalgamated Engineering Union, reiterated his union's request that the Labor Party convene a conference of "all working-class political organizations for the purpose of giving consideration to the question of unity."

"Our union and others," Tanner declared, "are striving to bring about trade union unity. The same serious attempt must be made in the working-class movement as a whole. I am satisfied that if the Labor Party called a conference of all progressive parties, having in mind the needs and interests of the working population, a policy could be decided that would be generally acceptable to the electors of this country."

Warning that without unity between all progressive elements "there is a great danger that the people will not be able to reap the full fruits of victory over fascism," Tanner urged "the creation of a common front of the people in readiness for a general election. The problem that can face us when the election arrives—and it may come quicker than many of us imagine—may be stupendous," he added. "We know the successful results obtained by workers when united by the ties of a common objective."

Support for the AEU proposal that the Labor Party call a conference of all progressive organizations came recently from the 700,000 members of the Miners Federation of Great Britain, through its president Will Lawther. National unity, Lawther said, is "the key-stone of victory over fascism," while unity of the working class movement "is the stepping-stone to an enduring peace. The Labor Party has done a good job so far, but I sincerely believe that if it will but grasp the opportunities offered by unity with other working class organizations, a glorious future awaits it."

Slav Unity Festival To Be Held Sunday

Highlighted by a unity Festival at the Central Opera House in New York, the third annual celebration of American Slav Day will be commemorated throughout the country this Sunday.

The Unity Festival being sponsored this Sunday evening by the American Slav Congress of Greater New York, will be turned into a mass rally in support of the second front, and a "rededication of the American Slavs of Greater New York to the service of America, to Cairo and Teheran decisions, and the liberation of all enslaved peoples," declared the Congress.

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Let 'er Roll

By REBECCA GRECHT

With only a few hours notice, New York City clubs ordered close to 8,000 copies of the Daily Worker on D-DAY, for sale at numerous rallies and on street corners!

Jack Kolb, Daily Worker circulation manager in Essex County, New Jersey, reports excellent experiences in their sale of last week's special invasion-edition of the Daily.

"On two hours notice," he says, "we ordered 2,500 copies. We had just about as much time to mobilize brigadiers to sell the paper. We were amazed at the terrific response. It was no problem at all to get the necessary folks."

The response these Newark brigadiers got was inspiring. One sold 75 papers in half an hour. Another sold 25 papers in the length of time it took to walk in and out of Newark's largest night eatery. In one family neighborhood tavern everybody bought a copy. Several shops were also covered, including some of New Jersey's most important war plants. The reception to The Worker was good at all these plants.

"The Daily Worker is the best labor paper in town," says Nat Cohen, and that's why he was concerned about getting his fellow workers in a Brooklyn machine shop to read it. Nat, a shop steward, discussed with the other shop stewards introducing the paper into the shop, and with their approval placed an order for 10 copies to be picked up at a news-stand near the shop every morning. "At first the workers kidded about it," says Nat, "but once the paper started coming in regularly more and more of them bought it." They now sell 35 copies daily in the shop, paid for in advance for a full week. Over 75 subscriptions to The Worker have also been obtained.

Ted Morell, press director of the Flatbush Club in Brooklyn, reports that Daily Workers are sold at all club functions, with papers ordered in advance for every club activity—meetings, classes, affairs. The Brighton Beach Club of Brooklyn, according to Polly Shaw, club press director, sells about 100 copies of The Worker each week-end, with Saturday night street sales on Brighton Beach and Coney Island Ave.

As of Monday morning, 1,626 Worker subscriptions had been received as a result of subscription sales at the Madison Square Garden rally of May 23, in response to an appeal made by Gilbert Green. . . . At a Boston mass meeting last Saturday, 52 Worker subs were sold. . . . Elizabeth Gurley Flynn will speak at a mass meeting in Rochester on June 30, to which all subscribers, and those who have brought in at least one sub, will be admitted free. . . . Which all goes to show that public meetings afford excellent opportunities for getting subscriptions!

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Furriers Get Behind Press Fund Campaign

Words of praise for the tabloid have come from thousands of trade unionists in letters to the Daily Worker. "What a magnificent paper—and just what we've been looking for," is the general comment.

With the launching of the 1944 Fund Drive for the papers on June 1, union members as individuals and in a body are translating their enthusiasm into dollars.

Throughout the fur industry, fur workers are organizing Daily Worker Readers Committees aimed at raising funds in the shortest time possible. Murray Brown, elected secretary of the committee in the Joint Council, has already challenged other committees in the industry. Morris Gumpel heads the one in the Joint Board.

As patriotic Americans fur workers the other day set as their goal in the Fifth War Loan Drive the sum of \$2,500,000 out of a quota of \$11,000,000 for the entire industry. And as patriotic Americans, too, they feel they are assuming the task of raising money for a labor paper which has been 100 percent anti-fascist and devoted to a victory of the United Nations.

To coordinate plans for a concerted drive, fur workers are planning a conference at Cornish Arms Hotel on Monday, June 19, at 6:30 p.m.

Gallup Poll Gives Pennsylvania to FDR

PHILADELPHIA, June 14.—Pennsylvania is for President Roosevelt over Dewey by a margin of 52 to 48, according to a pre-invasion Gallup Poll, just published in the Evening Bulletin.

A Pennsylvania Gallup Poll four years ago, shortly after the nominating conventions, gave Wendell Willkie 52 percent to 48 percent for Roosevelt. However, when the 1940 elections came around, the President carried 53 percent of the vote. The poll gives the President today 60 percent of the vote in the

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industrial areas of Pittsburgh and Philadelphia, compared to the 59 percent he actually received in 1940. In the rest of Pennsylvania, which includes the smaller cities and rural areas, the President got 47 percent in the poll, compared to an actual 50 percent vote in 1940.

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The brown-skinned little fistie marvel is currently on the latest of his many "comebacks" and while the previous ones left you dismayed this one doesn't even worry you.

For whatever happens, one thing is sure: Armstrong will not get hurt.

Henry's previous comebacks have been distasteful to his legions of admirers and friends. They wanted him to retire and stay retired, fearing he would be seriously hurt, especially around his oft-injured, operated-upon eyes.

But by now, the feelings of his friends have changed. It is obvious that Henry, aged as he is, is still capable of shellacking the pants off most the boys throwing leather these days.

The little man has not lost his ability to hit although he can no longer move around as he used to when he was a mighty titan astride the fistie world.

Together with his hitting prowess is a cunning and shrewdness that only vast experience in the ring can bring to a fighter. The run-of-mine kids now touring the fistie circuit cannot possibly outbox or outsmart Henry.

Even against the best of these youngsters—like the talented Aaron Perry, for instance—Armstrong is still too much.

I got to talking about this very same thing with Armstrong some time ago. I told him how I thought he should hang up his gloves because he might be injured and possibly blinded.

To which he replied: "Do you think I'd be fighting if there was even a small chance of my going blind? If there were a lot of tough fighters around—like Ray Robinson—it would be suicidal for me to continue fighting. But the best of the boys are away and the ones remaining are duck soup for me."

His handler made this observation: "If these kids can hit, Henry picks their blows off his gloves, tires 'em out and then plasters them without getting cut up even a little bit. If they can box but have no punch, he simply tears in and wallops them with all he has until they fold. Either way he seldom gets hit often. With his miraculous body he can go on forever against soft opposition."

The arguments have won us over. We have followed Armstrong's itinerary around the country, reading of his knockouts in Kansas City, Baltimore, St. Louis and elsewhere and have come to the conclusion he is running no danger of serious injury.

Tonight, of course, he will fight a much tougher opponent in Al Davis, but we have an idea the result will be much the same. Davis unfortunately never was and never will be more than a very good club fighter. Against smart, ringwise and talented fighters his lethal punching power is quickly negated by an inability to go the distance at a fast pace.

Beau Jack simply butchered him a few months ago after weathering the fury of Davis' left-handed attack in the early rounds. And, it should be pointed out, Beau Jack is no Henry Armstrong.

Henry should be able to take most of Bummy's thunderbolts on his glove tips during the first few rounds tonight; then, when Al starts to huff and puff, Henry will come along. It shouldn't be too hard after that.

'Keep Playing,' Says Dying Father to Golfer Sammy Byrd

NEW ROCHELLE, June 14.—Handsome Sammy Byrd in the blue slacks, yellow sports shirt and white visor, will tee off tomorrow in the \$13,333 War Bond Red Cross Open golf championship over the Wyckgole Country Club course, wondering sadly if he will be able to complete the four-day tourney.

At any moment the word may come: "Your father is dead!" And Sammy will break away from the tournament and return to Birmingham, Ala.

But Sammy, former New York Yankee outfielder, is carrying on under instructions from his dying father, Rhone Byrd, who from his sickbed told Sammy: "There's nothing you can do here for me, son. You'll make me happy by going out and playing the best golf you know how until—"

That's the way Sammy's dad wants it. Bronzed, brown-haired Byrd would rather not be playing tomorrow. With reluctance, he entered last week's Philadelphia Inquirer competition in the Pennsylvania metropolis, which he won to the tune of \$6,700.

Sammy did as his father requested. Playing with a bitterly forced smile, he attained the greatest golf of his career at Philadelphia, winning the tournament in a walk-away. He finished Sunday with a 274 for 72 holes of medal play, seven

strokes ahead of his nearest competitor. That night in his hotel he wept over the \$6,700 in War Bonds—richest prize ever given in United States golf history.

Discussing the course and the men's tourney, which opens tomorrow, he believes Craig Wood of Mamaronock, N. Y., who finished second at Philadelphia, had the best chance to win. This, despite the fact that Byron Nelson was top choice at 1-4 in the New York betting.

Reporters asked him which was the tougher game—baseball or golf. He replied emphatically, "Golf!" He explained that natural ability can enable chaps like Joe DiMaggio and Ted Williams to break into major league baseball and become stars almost immediately; but that years of experience are necessary to become prominent in golf. "After which, the ultimate in concentration is required on every green."

Byrd has agreed to meet Wood in a special Red Cross match, probably at Detroit on July 4. Fred Corcoran, tournament manager of the PGA, will announce the definite site and date later.

Bill Picks Henry to KO Bummy Tonite

By BILL MARDON

Crystal balls are passe and I don't need no palm-reading nut to tell me that along about the seventh round tonight Al Davis is gonna huff and puff until Henry Armstrong knocks his house down.

Bummy can hit, Henry can take it. Bummy fades fast, Henry steams up late. Henry's much older, but Bummy is short-winded.

What goes with this Armstrong guy; is he really running a risk by going to the well so often? Naw, old Henry's still got enough left to stand the current fight crop up against the ropes and use them for target practice.

Davis' belly makes some target, wot? The Brownsville kid's gonna go crazy finding his left glove parked under Armstrong's armpit all night.

Baseball Standings

NATIONAL LEAGUE							
(Not including yesterday's games)							
	W.	L.	Pct.		W.	L.	Pct.
St. Louis	33	15	.688	Brooklyn	24	26	.480
Pittsburgh	26	19	.578	Boston	23	30	.434
Cincinnati	25	23	.521	Philadelphia	19	27	.413
New York	25	24	.510	Chicago	16	27	.373
Games Today:							
Boston at Philadelphia.							
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AMERICAN LEAGUE

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	W. L. Pet.				W. L. Pet.		
St. Louis	29	23	.558	Chicago	22	23	.489
Boston	26	23	.531	Wash'ton	24	26	.480
Detroit	25	25	.500	New York	22	24	.479
Cleveland	25	26	.490	Phila'phia	22	25	.468

Games Today:

New York at Washington (night).

Detroit at Cleveland.

Philadelphia at Boston.

(Other teams not scheduled.)

RADIO

WMCA—570 Kc.	WHN—1050 Kc.
WEAF—660 Kc.	WNEW—1150 Kc.
WOR—710 Kc.	WLIR—1190 Kc.
WJZ—770 Kc.	WOV—1230 Kc.
WNYC—830 Kc.	WEVD—1330 Kc.
WABC—890 Kc.	WENTY—1480 Kc.
WINS—1000 Kc.	WQXR—1500 Kc.

11 A.M. TO NOON

11:00-WEAF—Road to Life	WOR—News-Tro Harper	WJZ—Breakfast with Breneman	WABC—Honeydew Hill
11:15-WEAF—Vic and Sade	WOR—Talks and Music	WABC—Second Husband	11:30-WEAF—Brave Tomorrow
WJZ—News: Baby Institute	WABC—Bright Horizon	11:45-WEAF—David Harum	WOR—Toby's Topics
WABC—Aunt Jenny's Stories			

NOON TO 2 P.M.

12:00-WEAF—News; Recorded Music	WOR—Boake Carter, News	WJZ—Romeo Betts	WABC—News: Kate Smith's Chat
12:15-WEAF—Mealtime Melodies	WJZ—Correspondents Abroad	WABC—Big Sister	12:30-WEAF—News: Farm-Home Hour
12:45-WEAF—Our Gai Sunday	1:00-WEAF—Mary Margaret McBride	WOR—News: Jack Berch Songs	WJZ—H. R. Baukhage, News
WABC—Life Can Be Beautiful	1:15-WJZ—Woman's Exchange Show	WABC—Ma Perkins	WMCA—Talk—Frank Kingdom
1:30-WOR—Let's Be Charming	WABC—Bernardine Flynn, News	1:45-WEAF—Morgan Beatty, News	WJZ—Little Jack Little, Songs
WABC—The Goldbergs			

2 P.M. TO 6 P.M.

2:00-WEAF—The Guiding Light	WOR—Martha Deane Program	WJZ—News Comments	WABC—Portia Faces Life
2:15-WEAF—Today's Children	WJZ—The Mystery Chef	WABC—Joyce Jordan	WOR—News: Consumer Quiz
2:30-WEAF—Woman in White	WJZ—Ed East and Polly	WABC—Young Dr. Malone	2:45-WEAF—Hymns of All Churches
WABC—Perry Mason	3:00-WEAF—A Woman of America	WOR—The Black Castle	WJZ—Morton Downey, Songs
WABC—Mary Marlin	3:15-WEAF—Success Stories	WJZ—Hollywood Star Time	WABC—News—Bob Trout
3:30-WEAF—Pepper Young	WOR—Dr. Eddy's Food Forum	WJZ—Appointment With Life	WABC—Now and Forever
2:45-WEAF—Right to Happiness	WABC—The Jubalaires, Songs	4:00-WEAF—Backstage Wife	WOR—John Gambling—Talk
WJZ—Ethel and Albert	WABC—Broadway Matinee	4:15-WEAF—Stella Dallas	WJZ—Don Norman Show

With the Yankees Worst Hitting Slump Burying the 'Bombers'

by Art Rider

WASHINGTON, June 14.—It's somewhat incredible but figures are figures. The digits show that the Yanks are fighting for their baseball lives not because their outfield is weak defensively or because they have a hole at short big enough to drive a tank through but because they have lost their touch at the plate.

And a Yankee team without hitters is like a Red Army without artillery.

Much has been made of the Yanks' defensive shortcomings such as Ossie Grimes and Mule Milosevich at short and the general ineptness of the outfield in the business of snaring fly balls.

But truth to tell is that the Bombers are where they are (in seventh place before last night's game with the Senators) simply because they have not been hitting the size of their hats these past weeks.

A cursory glance at their batting figures will show that the Yanks are in the worst team-wide hitting slump a McCarthy team has ever fallen into.

The Yanks have not hit a single home run since June 1—14 days. They haven't one man hitting over .273 and have a team batting mark so low as to not bear seeing print.

Snuffy Stirnweiss' .273 is tops while Milosevich and Grimes bring up the rear with batting (?) marks of .184 and .118 respectively if not respectively.

In between are such resounding averages as Eichen's .267, Lindell's

.256, Savage's .268 and Hemsley's .246.

The boys, finding their worst road trip in years, look all pooped and exhausted. They are swinging tiredly and ineffectually. All in all they seem in dire need of a rest and a long stay in the friendly atmosphere of the Yankee Stadium.

Waner to Auction Japanese Bat

Paul Waner, Brooklyn Dodger baseball star, will tell one of the most unusual sports stories to come out of the war when he appears with his manager, Leo Durocher, on Dave Elman's "Victory Auction" over WOR-Mutual, Saturday, June 17, 10:15-10:45 p.m.

A corporal, who fought in the invasion of the Marshall Island, by chance picked up a Paul Waner baseball bat, which was manufactured in Tokyo and carried the baseball star's name stamped in Japanese. From the looks of the bat, it had been used in the Marshalls for action for which it was never intended, and which was far afield from the type of battles fought out on a baseball diamond.

The corporal forwarded the bat to Waner, who will offer it for auction this Saturday night to the highest war bond bidder.

Radio Concerts

2:30-3:35 P.M., WQXR — Orchestra Concert, conducted by Jascha Zayde	6:30-7:30 P.M., WLIR — Great Classics	7:05-8 P.M., WNYC (also FM) — Masterwork Hour presents a Grieg birthday program	7:30-8 P.M., WQXR (also FM) — Spotlight	8-9 P.M., WQXR (also FM) — Symphony	8:30-9:30 P.M., WNYC (also FM) — Goldman Band, from the Bandshell
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4:35-WABC—News; Recorded Music	4:30-WEAF—Lorena Jones	WOR—Full Speed Ahead	WJZ—News—Westbrook Van Voorhis
4:45-WEAF—Young Widder Brown	WJZ—The Sea Hound	WABC—Raymond Scott Orchestra	5:00-WEAF—When a Girl Marries
WOR—Uncle Don	WJZ—Terry and the Pirates	WABC—Eddie Dunn Show	5:15-WEAF—We Love and Learn
WOR—Chick Carter	WJZ—Dick Tracy	5:30-WEAF—Just Plain Bill	WOR—Adventures of Tom Mix
WJZ—Jack Armstrong	WABC—Burl Ives, Songs	5:45-WEAF—Front-Page Farrell	WOR—Superman
WJZ—Captain Midnight	WABC—American Women		

6 P.M. TO 9 P.M.

6:00-WEAF—News Reports	WOR—Sydney Moseley, News	WJZ—News: John B. Kennedy	WABC—News: Ned Calmer
6:15-WEAF—Concert Orchestra	WOR—Imogene Carpenter, Songs	WJZ—Hop Harrigan	WABC—Sports—Ted Husing
6:30-WEAF—News—Frank Singler	WOR—I Love a Mystery	WABC—Jeri Sullivan, Songs	6:45-WEAF—Sports—Bill Stern
6:55-WEAF—Sports—Bill Stern	WOR—Sports—Stan Lomax	WJZ—Henry J. Taylor, News	WABC—The World Today—News
7:00-WEAF—Johnny Mercer Show	WOR—Ray Henle, News	WJZ—Musical Mystery	WABC—I Love a Mystery
7:15-WEAF—News: Robert St. John	WOR—Victory Is Our Business	WABC—Passing Parade	WQXR—Opera Music
7:30-WEAF—Bob Burns, Comedy	WOR—Arthur Hale, News	WJZ—Diane, the Jesters, Songs	WABC—Mr. Keen
7:45-WEAF—The Answer Man	WJZ—Ethel and Albert	8:00-WEAF—Penny Brice, Comedy	WOR—Frank Singler—News
WJZ—News Comments	WABC—Suspense—Play	WQXR—Symphony Hall	8:15-WOR—The Smoothies, Songs
WJZ—Lum and Abner	8:30-WEAF—The Aldrich Family	WOR—The Better Half—Quiz	WJZ—Town Meeting
WABC—Death Valley Days	8:55-WABC—Bill Henry, News		

9 P.M. TO MIDNIGHT

9:00-WEAF—Music Hall, Bing Crosby	WOR—Gabriel Heatter, News	WABC—Major Bowes Amateurs	9:15-WOR—Screen Test
WMCA—Richard Eaton—Talk			

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Literary Lookout

By Samuel Putnam

Did you ever trip over a rainbow?

Well, it can be done. It happened recently with Mr. Henry Clare Booth Luce's smart-money boys on Time magazine (issue of March 27, in case you care to look it up; it's really not worth your while). They tripped up prettily over Wanda Wasilewska's great novel, *The Rainbow*, which has already been discussed in these columns.

I do not know that it would be worth while, either, to report their ludicrous antics, if it were not that, as I believe, they are at once revealing and typical of the tactics of the professional, well paid anti-Soviteer in this country.

Talk about Communists following the "Party line" in their literary criticism! Let us glance for not too long a moment at these Bright Young Men who draw their paychecks for being clever in the stereotyped Time manner—and for following that line which emanate from the front offices of the Henry Luce publications.

TIME LITERARY EDITOR BETRAYS IGNORANCE

In the second sentence of *The Rainbow* review, the "reviewer" whoever he is or they are, begins to get in his underhanded dirty work by expressing wide-eyed astonishment at the fact that there is such a thing as a Stalin Prize novel. "Most of U. S. readers do not associate Stalin with literary prizes and had never heard of the award before" (111). "Most U. S. readers—Speak for yourselves, bright young gentlemen. Did you never, for example, hear of Ilya Ehrenburg's *The Fall of Paris*, which won the Stalin Prize for 1942, and which was published by Knopf last year? And if you didn't, how come you have a job as literary editor?"

The intended slimy imputation is, of course, that Stalin is a barbarian and that any association of his name with culture in any form is cause for astonishment. (This, incidentally, is an old Trotskyist slander, with whiskers on it by now.) Thousands of Americans are long since familiar with the part Stalin for years has played in the fostering and democratic direction of Soviet art and science.

Smear Number 2: The fact that 400,000 copies of *The Rainbow* were

This 'Rainbow' Tripped
The Smart Boys on 'Time'

sold in two days' time is explained in a footnote: "There is only one publisher: the Soviet Government, and only one Party: the Communist Party. Books that the Party promotes, wise Communists quickly buy and read. Current membership of the Communist Party: 4,600,000."

The particular bright young gent who thought this one up will probably find an extra dollar or two in his next pay-envelope. "Globaloney" Clare ought to see to that. The only thing is, the B. Y. G. in question overlooked the fact that a very large portion of Russian Communists are fighting at the front these days and are nowhere near a bookshop!

There follows a brief and distorted account of the author's life, full of petty innuendos. Wasilewska, for instance, "is counted upon to solve the Polish problem domestically" (which, by inference, is why she received the Stalin Prize). Doubt is even cast upon her famous and thoroughly authenticated journey of hundreds of miles on foot, in making her way to the U. S. S. R.

Comes then the great and breathlessly awaited "critical" verdict: "The Stalin Prize novel is probably one of the worst novels ever written" (111). Why? Because "its Germans are all villains. Its Russians (except a few survivors from pre-Bolshevik days) are all heroes."

How sad! That among these murderers, rapers, pillagers there is not a single saintly, sensitive, lily-white soul to be found. Yet, a little further on, the "reviewer" admits that "as a fictional account of Nazi atrocities, it (i.e., *The Rainbow*—S. P.) probably falls short of reality."

In other words, the Nazis are even worse than Wasilewska has painted them; but still fault is found with her because she doesn't discover a good Nazi among them.

Perhaps, if we turn to another page of this same issue, we will encounter some light on the subject, in a little piece subtly praising the British Nazi, Major General Jihui Frederick Charles Fuller, close friend and associate of the traitor, "Lord Haw-Haw." The Bright Young Men reach the conclusion that Major General Fuller is a man of "considerable talents" and a "lusty" writer.

Sometimes, they are not as bright as they think they are.

MOVIES

The Fall of Italian Fascism

By EUGENE GORDON

"Who's that, Ma?" a small boy asked his Italian-American mother at a showing of *What Price Italy?* the other evening. The "that" about whom the child was curious was iron-jawed Benito, disporting himself, with all the familiar monkey-shines, on his balcony. The fact that the American offspring of Italian-born parents did not know who Mussolini was is probably symbolic both of what has happened to the Duce and of the anti-fascist lethargy of the parents. They could not have had any photos of the fascist around.

Mussolini's strutting on the balcony is an introductory shot to one of the best official U. S. Army, Navy and Air Corps films yet shown. With the exception of much of the commentary—which tends toward smugness and monotony of tone—the film is excellent from every angle. Its photography is clear and its subject interesting, whether they be American troops fraternizing with Italians, expressions of pleasure on the people's faces, handicraft workers surrounded by a group of wide-eyed Yanks, or the eruption of Vesuvius.

FASCISM IS DEATH

The moral of the picture is implied in the title, *What Price Italy?* That moral is that the price of a country's playing with fascism is suffering and death for the people.

WHAT PRICE ITALY?, official U. S. Army Signal Corps, U. S. Navy, and U. S. Air Forces films of our military operations against fascism in Italy, with foreword by Judge George L. Quill, of the Chicago Municipal Court, and commentary by Gordon Gray, Franklin Ferguson, Robert F. Hurleigh and Al Moray. At the Arena, 8th Ave and 41 St.

It is an obvious fact, without the commentator's continually reminding you that the people could be nothing less than happy, since it is our army of Galahads that is rescuing them.

This, and the overemphasis on our men's "civility" to captured Nazis, are weaknesses. So is the bland assertion that the Italian people, "Throughout the ages," have been "victimized by one lost cause after another."

What Price Italy? is on the whole excellent. It is such films that keep Americans intelligently informed of what their men are doing on the world's battlefields of liberation. Its detailed and unhurried showing of the Vesuvius eruption is itself worth going to see.



ANN BAXTER has the feminine lead in the 20th Century war film *Eve of St. Mark* now playing at the Roxy Theatre.

Thursday Calendar

FILMS
Jimmy Durante in *Two Girls and a Sailor*, MGM musical at the Capitol.

The Man From Frisco with Michael O'Shea and Anne Shirley. Screenplay by Arnold Manoff. At Loew's State.

THEATRE
Take a Bow, Variety show with Chico Marx, Pat Rooney, Raye and Naldi, Murtan Sisters, Think-a-Drink Hoffman. At the Broadhurst.

MUSIC
Goldman Band at Prospect Park. War Bond Concert, Central Jewish Institute, 125 E. 85 St. Arved Kurtz, violin, 8:30.

RADIO CONCERT
Music of the New World. Maria Miras, soprano. Fernando Alvarez, singer, and the Conjunto Copacabana, WEAF, 11:30 p.m.

At the Apollo

The Apollo 42 St. Theatre announces that it will exhibit for one week beginning Thursday, June 15, *The Man Who Seeks the Truth*, featuring Raimu. Co-features will be *The Remarkable Mr. Kipps* and *The Negro Soldier*.

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New Lubitsch Film

To Charles Coburn, one of Hollywood's foremost character actors, goes the choice role of the Chancellor in Ernst Lubitsch' production, *The Czarina*, it is announced by Twentieth Century-Fox. The Czarina, which stars Tallulah Bankhead, is a satirical comedy.

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Late Bulletins

Nazi Defense Arc Above Rome Broken at Three Vital Points

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS Italy, June 14 (UP). — Allied forces in hard fighting have broken through a hastily established German defense arc above Rome at three vital points and are nearing the important highway hubs of Grosseto, 114 road miles northwest of the capital, and Terni, 62 road miles north of the city, it was announced today.

The attempted German stand from the Tyrrhenian coast around the top of Lake Bolsena was shattered by Allied armor and infantry. Nor was the enemy able to hold in the Tiber Valley or the Adriatic sector, and front dispatches reported Allied advances all along the 200-mile front.

One break-through was on the Tyrrhenian coast by American

forces, another at the northwest corner of Lake Bolsena was by British and American units and the third southwest of Terni was by British troops.

British Eighth Army forces continued their advance on the Adriatic sector.

Northeast of Rome, our forces were "enclosing Narni," the communiqué said.

American infantry supported by tanks and self-propelled artillery drove Germans from fortified positions and took the junction of the two highways about four miles north of Orbetello. From there one group turned east along Highway No. 74 while the main force advanced north along No. 1 toward Grosseto.

United Nations Day in USSR

MOSCOW, June 14.—Flags are waving in Moscow now, to honor United Nations Day. You can sense the joy of the people at the way things are going.

With the brevity for which he is renowned, Marshal Stalin expressed not only his own admiration, but the admiration of the people as a

whole for the skillful handling of the troops now firmly established

On this anniversary of United Nations Day, with Americans, British and Russians shedding their blood at both ends of Hitler's fortress, the people of Russia feel themselves in much closer community with their great Allies.

\$484,000,000 in 2-Day Bond Sales

WASHINGTON, June 14 (UP).—The Treasury Department, reporting that war bond sales to individuals during the first two days of the Fifth War Loan drive total \$484,000,000, said tonight that bonds now purchase more fighting equipment than a year ago because costs of many items have dropped.

Bund Ordered Draft Evasion, Support to Firsters, Wheeler

By ART SHIELDS

WASHINGTON, June 14. — Secret orders to German American Bund members to oppose the war against Hitler and to support Sen. Wheeler and other America Firsters were placed in evidence in the Nazi plot trial today.

The orders called on Bund members to refuse military duty and to refuse to engage in military production when possible.

The orders were signed by Bunds Fuehrer Wilhelm Gerhard Kunze, a defendant in this trial. This sensational evidence also affects native fascist defendants who cooperated with the Bund. The Bund fuehrer's commands were identified by William Luedtke, former Bund secretary.

ORDERED SABOTAGE

Addressing war workers in his order of Sept. 8, 1941, Kunze declared that:

"... Everyone who can avoid producing war materials for Bolshevism should keep away from such work. ... But whoever believes himself obliged to do such work through necessity is also obliged to contribute correspondingly more from his earnings for the struggle against the world pestilence."

Kunze's order of Jan. 20, 1941, praising the America First group in Congress, declared that:

"In several units work has been going on according to plan to encourage such fighters for ... neutrality such as Wheeler, Clark, Tinkham, Holt, Thorkelson (notorious pro-fascist, then in Congress), Verne Marshall, etc., by writing to them. This is to be carried on continually in all units and branches,

not in the name of the Bund, or any organization but as personal expressions of opinion of individual citizens."

Kunze's order of October, 1940, for which he was sent to prison in another case, tells Bund members to accept induction under the selective service law but to refuse actual military duty.

"Refuse to perform military duty," said the Bund fuehrer, "until this law, and all other laws of the land ... which confine the citizenship of Bund members are repealed."

Prosecutor O. John Rogge told the court today that he will prove Monday that the issues involved in this trial are not affected by the Supreme Court decision reversing the conviction of Elmer Hartzel, author of pamphlets against President Roosevelt and the Jews and in favor of Hitler.

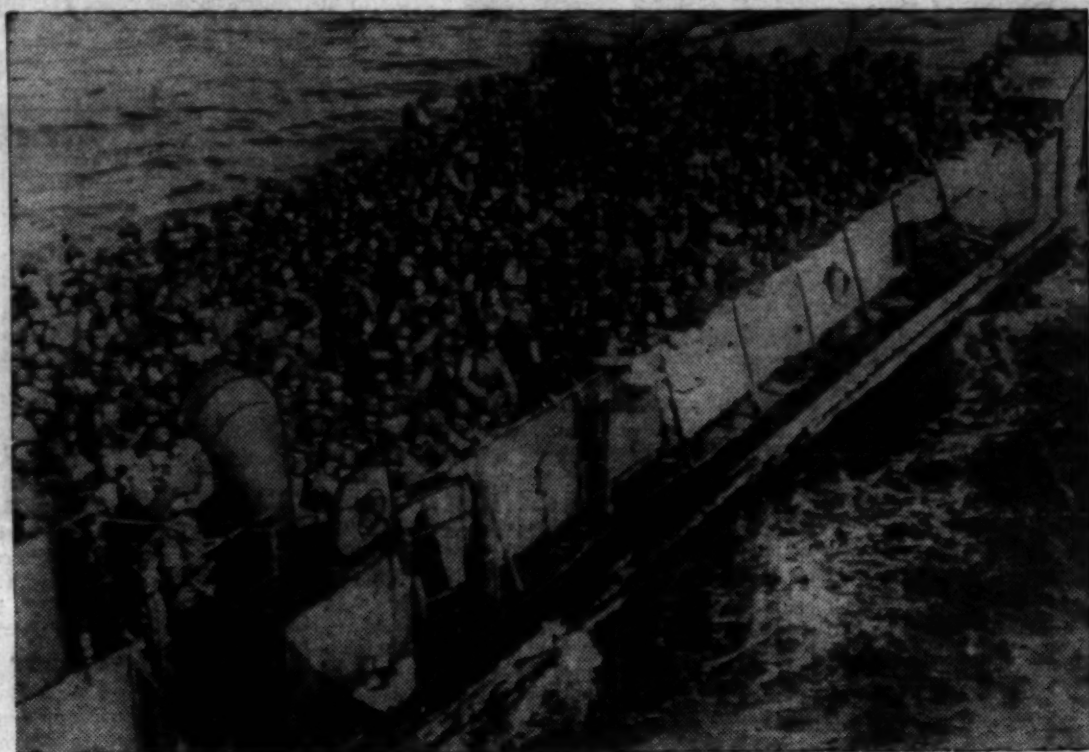
Rogge was replying to a defense motion asking the release of defendants on the theory that the Supreme Court decision licenses their propaganda in the name of "free speech."

The prosecutor said he would reveal enough of his future evidence Monday to show that the defendants had the "intent" to impair military morale, that the Supreme Court said is necessary for conviction.

Defense lawyers will invoke the "free speech" clause in reply.

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This is an LCT (landing craft tank) bringing reinforcements to Normandy for the Allied armies battling the Nazis. This craft has been ferrying Yanks and other Allied troops across the Channel since the invasion began. It's the rush hour for the world's most important job.

Paratroops Ambush 2,500

By LEONARD MOSLEY

WITH BRITISH SIXTH AIRBORNE DIVISION, France, June 12 (Delayed) (UP).—Paratroop Captain Charles Bliis had that grin on his face that always means something brewing.

"This," said Charles, "is going to be good. Do you remember the gap we left in our lines just around Breville? Well, Jerry's found it at last and he's coming through. We have a report of at least 600 panzer Grenadiers advancing through the woods. What we are going to do to those Jerries should make a nice little story for you. Look."

He pointed along the walls and through the orchards, and when you looked hard you could see British troops everywhere.

They were well dug in among bushes and grass, and only the green camouflaged tops of their helmets poked above the skyline—that and the muzzles of their Brens, heavy machine-guns and Stens.

It was just before noon that we saw the first Germans, forming up into batches of 10 to 15 men.

No one fired. Only the dull boom of artillery in the distance, and the hum of planes disturbed the Saturday morning.

Shortly after noon the German attack began. In those batches of 10 and 15 spread out over 200 or 300 yards, the Germans plowed over the waving corn in the black ploughland until they reached a line of wrecked gliders. Then they fell on their faces. After a few minutes they got up again, ran forward, then fell flat again. It went on like that for about 400 yards. Still, no one fired.

From somewhere in the woods, a German mortar gun was going into action and its projectiles fell all around us. There were casualties. But there was no retaliation.

Stretcher-bearers wriggled forward and dragged wounded men away, but never

showed themselves against the skyline.

Now the enemy was gaining confidence. His loping advances were longer, his periods flat on the ground of only a few seconds duration. He was about 100 yards away. Then at a signal every automatic weapon, every rifle in the paratroops line opened up. It was a roar that set your teeth chattering.

You saw the Germans grimacing widely, clutching their bodies, falling by the dozens into the corn. The earth was scuffed up in showers of corn and went down as if under a flail. Those Germans still not wounded charged once more. This time it was 25 to 30 yards when the small arms barrage hit them.

ROUT AND MASSACRE

Down in writhing heaps were the Germans again. Now the remnants who remained alive turned and raced for the woods, but shells and mortars plastered a river of steel between the enemy and the sanctuary.

Back in the woods those Nazi troops who had made it were joined by reinforcements, where they reformed and planned how to get out.

But they were not to be given the chance. All through the woods the camouflaged British paratroops were waiting for them. Around 4 o'clock a squadron of Sherman tanks poured a five-minute barrage from their big guns into the trees.

The Germans turned and began to retreat. Their retreat was the wrong way for them, and once more it was massacre. They threw up their hands and tried to surrender. If they were in time they were allowed to. Only a few snipers were left by Saturday evening.

At least 400 Germans were killed and nearly 2,000 made prisoners. British losses did not number over 50 all told, including wounded.

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